

## REPPINGTON WARNS OF SWISS THEATRE

"We Must Keep Our Eyes on It  
and Prevent Further Sur-  
prises," He Says.

### URGES NAVAL CAMPAIGN

Expert Suggests That Austria  
Be Attacked From the  
Adriatic.

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LONDON, Nov. 3.—Assuming that we  
can count on the recovery of the Italian  
armies on one or another of the very  
defensible lines upon which they can fall  
back, there is a little silver lining to the  
Julian cloud. The season approaches  
when operations in France and Flanders  
usually die down, as formerly they died  
down in the Alps, but on the Italian  
plains there is nothing to prevent fighting  
all through the winter.

It will be an advantage for the side  
with the greater military resources, both  
actual and potential, to continue the war  
of attrition through the winter.  
Not only Italy but Switzerland as  
well falls within the western front. The  
greater the contest in Italy the more  
important becomes the Swiss theatre.  
We must keep our eyes upon it and  
prevent any further surprises. On the whole  
western front the Allies can aid each  
other without involving sea transport  
and there is nothing simpler than for  
them to afford such aid to each other.

### Naval Campaign Suggested.

Such cooperation can, if necessary, ex-  
tend to the sea front. Austria is vul-  
nerable from the Adriatic, and if a naval  
campaign could be waged there with  
vigor the Allies can force the pace in  
this winter war by sea and land, not with  
little packets of troops, but with im-  
portant forces which will carry on the  
war with highland vigor.

For every German division withdrawn  
from France to Italy we and our good  
friends, the French and Americans, can  
afford to send more. Every German or  
Austrian division taken from the Russian  
front will make the task of our  
eastern allies easier. We are in good  
positions now in France and Flanders,  
with a considerable superiority in men  
and guns. Therefore, while the winter  
temporarily suspends the Flanders fight-  
ing we can without undue risk make  
things lively in Italy.  
The temporary relaxation in the Aus-  
tro-German attack upon Cadorna's ar-  
mies is due to influences which must  
be understood. There is fairly good  
railway communication behind the  
armies of Van Buelow and Boroevic,  
but west of Tolmino there is none. To  
bring out all the marching columns from  
the mountains, resort them, build  
bridges, repair railways and bring up  
fresh supplies of ammunition is a con-  
siderable task in such a country. In  
the interval time is allowed the Italian  
armies to recuperate.

### Confidence in Cadorna.

Confidence in Gen. Cadorna is en-  
tirely unchanged. We know it was not  
his leading, but a temporary weakening  
in the will of his troops to conquer, that  
caused this unfortunate retreat. We  
must regard it as probable that much of  
the medium and heavy artillery of the  
second Army has been lost, but such  
loss should leave Italy still superior in  
the aggregate number of guns, while her  
infantry greatly exceeds that of the  
enemy in numbers.

We must not imagine the Italian army  
has shown its true form in this affair.  
It is impossible to suppose that the Ital-  
ian troops, who showed such remarkable  
dash and endurance, can have made a  
present to the Austro-Germans of some  
of the strongest positions on the Julian  
and Carnic fronts, unless some malvo-  
lent propaganda had been at work  
among them. We know there has been  
such a propaganda, we know the Ger-  
man and other sources whence it springs.  
The Italian sector of the western  
front must remain subordinate and sec-  
ondary. Only a few German divisions  
are there. One reason why they are  
there is to tempt us to relax our deadly  
grip on Flanders.

## CENTRAL POWERS BACK PEACE PARLEY

Germany and Austria Will  
Send Agents to Berne.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—Germany and  
Austria are making strenuous efforts to  
further the pacific conference to be  
held at Berne November 12 to discuss  
a basis for an honorable peace, accord-  
ing to an official cablegram received  
here today from Zurich, Switzerland.  
Even the Swiss, the message said, re-  
gard this solicitude of the Central  
Powers for peace as in strange con-  
trast to their recent declarations that  
they were entirely satisfied with their  
military status.

Germany will be represented at the  
conference by Dr. Bernhard Dernburg,  
expelled from the United States for  
spreading German propaganda; Pastor  
Friedrich Naumann, director of the  
review *Die Welt*, one of the defenders of  
the ambitious "Middle Europe" German  
expansion doctrine; Walter Rathenau,  
director of the Allgemeine Elektrizitaets  
Gesellschaft, and Dr. Fuesener.  
The Austrian government has granted  
special passports to Count Barclay and  
several others to attend the meeting.  
Little authentic information regard-  
ing the conference has been received  
here, but it is said to be distinct from  
the Socialist peace move at Stockholm  
and that representatives of the central  
European countries are to attend.

### BRITISH MENACE TURK CITY.

Capture Gaza's First Line Defences,  
but Sultan is Optimistic.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—British forces in  
southern Palestine made an attack  
Thursday night on Turkish lines defend-  
ing the coast city of Gaza. The first line  
defences on a 6,000 yard front were  
captured, the War Office announced to-  
day. Nearly 300 prisoners and five ma-  
chine guns were taken.  
A Copenhagen despatch says Talaat  
Pasha, the Turkish Grand Vizier, read  
the speech from the throne at the open-  
ing of the Turkish Parliament. The Sul-  
tan in his message said:

"Our brave armies have heroically re-  
pulsed repeated attacks which the Eng-  
lish with strong forces undertook on  
Turkish territory against the Gaza front.  
I firmly hope that my brave armies  
will, with God's help, chase again across  
the frontier the enemy forces, which,  
utilizing the situation on other fronts,  
have occupied a portion of our territory  
in Mesopotamia and in the Caucasus."  
Referring to the American declara-  
tion of war on Germany the Sultan  
said:

"On the ground of our alliance we  
also were forced to break off relations  
with the United States."  
The speech said that Turkey would  
hold on to the end.

### NO DESIGNS ON DUTCH INDIES.

German Effort to Rouse Ill Feeling  
Between Japan and Holland.

TOKYO, Nov. 3.—Persistent efforts are  
made by German schemers to rouse ill  
feeling between Holland and Japan.  
The Dutchman are assured that the  
Japanese intend to seize the Dutch East  
Indies, especially the very populous is-  
land of Java. No basis whatever exists  
for the claim; but the malice of the  
schemers of the hour is quite apparent.  
Java is probably the most densely  
populated region on earth. Although  
very little larger than the island of  
Cuba, it has a population exceeding 30,  
000,000, whereas that of Cuba is little  
more than 2,000,000. The Dutch East  
Indies are entirely too far south for  
Japan to colonize or acquire. The peo-  
ple of Nippon are a hardy race and  
shun the enervating influence of tropical  
life.

## SINN FEIN TROUBLE DENIED BY DUBLIN

No Stern Measures Taken  
Against Party.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—The following Cen-  
tral News despatch has been received  
here from Dublin concerning the Sinn  
Fein agitation there:  
"There is intense excitement here  
owing to wild rumors being circulated  
by irresponsible persons and stern  
measures are under way against the  
Sinn Feiners. It was stated that Prof.  
Edward De Valera, who was elected  
president of the recent Sinn Fein con-  
ference here, has been arrested last  
night after addressing a meeting at  
Limerick, but as a matter of fact he is  
still at liberty."  
Sinn Fein headquarters here has an-  
nounced that the meeting arranged for  
Sunday at Newbridge, which the author-  
ities prohibited, now has been abandoned.  
There is nothing in recent incidents to  
indicate that trouble is threatening.  
The police and military, it is said, have  
taken all precautions to prevent any breach  
of the peace."

## COAL MINERS QUIT U. S. STRIKE PARLEY

Representatives of Men in the  
Southwest Refuse to Agree  
to Penalty Clause.

### FOUR STATES INVOLVED

Sixty Mines in Kansas, Okla-  
homa, Arkansas and Mis-  
souri Now Are Idle.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—Southwestern  
coal miners' representatives defied Fuel  
Administrator Garfield here today and  
refused to agree to the insertion in a  
new wage contract of provisions penal-  
izing strikers and lockouts.  
After a secret meeting this morning  
the miners abruptly broke off negotia-  
tions with Dr. Garfield and operators'  
representatives and left for their homes  
this afternoon, announcing they would  
call a general convention of southwest-  
ern miners to meet in Kansas City No-  
vember 12 to discuss the situation.

Dr. Garfield would not say to-night  
what action he would take if the miners  
stay out, but it is known he has con-  
sulted with President Wilson and At-  
torney-General Gregory and is ready to act  
if in his opinion the occasion demands  
drastic measures.

Fuel administration officials see pos-  
sibilities that the situation may develop  
seriously. Sixty mines now are idle in  
Kansas and miners throughout the four  
States involved—Kansas, Oklahoma, Ar-  
kansas and Missouri—are threatening to  
strike unless they are given immediate  
wage increases.

No contract granting wage increases  
will be approved by the government, Dr.  
Garfield insists, unless penalty clauses  
are inserted. Further, Dr. Garfield will  
not apply to the Southwest the recent  
45-cent-a-ton raise in coal prices, which  
was designed to absorb wage increases  
until the miners come to terms.

"I stand absolutely firm," Dr. Garfield  
said to-night. "The penalty clause must  
be put in exactly as indicated. I have  
nothing to add to that."  
Operators' representatives said to-  
night they would agree to any kind of a  
penalty provision Dr. Garfield demanded.  
The wage increases they had agreed to  
give to the men, they said, could not be  
advanced unless the mines received the  
45-cent increase in coal prices.

Wage increases sought by the South-  
western miners are based on increases  
agreed on recently by operators and  
union heads in the central competitive  
field. The central field contract con-  
tained provisions for automatic penalti-  
ties and was approved by Dr. Garfield,  
who recommended to President Wilson  
the 45-cent coal price increase. Under  
the penalty provision miners who struck  
without cause would be fined \$1 a day  
each and operators locking men out  
without cause would pay a fine of \$2 a  
day for each man not working.

The current Southwestern contract  
provides a 50-cent fine for men refusing  
to work, but the clause is so worded, it  
is claimed, that collection is impossible.  
Miners who struck recently in Illinois  
were told by Dr. Garfield that if they  
did not go back to work immediately  
the government would use the  
full powers of the law to insure maxi-  
mum coal production.

Reports today to the Fuel Adminis-  
tration said that in many parts of Kan-  
sas the people are without coal and that  
public utilities may have to suspend un-  
less relief is afforded soon.

### GETS THREE MONTHS FOR JEE.

Naval Lieutenant Causes Con-  
viction of a Woman.

Mrs. Margaret King, 45 years old, who  
lives in East Forty-first street, was com-  
mitted to the House of the Good Shepherd  
for three months by Magistrate Cobb in  
Jefferson Market court yesterday when  
convicted upon complaint of Lieut. C. R.  
Tarkington of the navy. The lieutenant  
testified that when he was on Park Row  
Thursday the woman pointed at him  
and said, "There's one of those spy  
seekers."  
Magistrate Cobb, committing her, said  
that in times of national stress it was  
fitting that all possible respect should  
be shown to men in the uniforms of  
the army and navy.

## GERMANS MENACING ESTHONIAN SHORE

Kerensky Hears Troop Laden  
Transports Are in Offing.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 3.—Gen. Vedervaki,  
Minister of Marine, has reported to  
Premier Kerensky the presence of big  
German transports near the Esthonian  
shore. He says this indicates a landing  
in force.

Gen. Tcheremisinov, commander in  
chief on the northern front, who has  
just made a trip to Petrograd, said the  
Germans were planning operations on a  
large scale, including landing of troops  
on the shore of the Gulf of Bothnia un-  
der the protection of their fleet. He  
also said he expected a vigorous action  
on the Riga front.

The newspapers say a German offen-  
sive is expected in Moldavia, with the  
object of invading Ukraine.

Russian troops in the Vishneff sector  
yesterday fraternized with the German  
troops, it was announced today by the  
Russian War Office. (Vishneff is a town  
on the Russian front southeast of Vilna  
and north of the Niemen River.)  
An arrangement has been perfected  
between the Rumanian and the Russian  
governments for the diversion of the  
Rumanian wheat crop to Rumania.  
Storage depots have been established and  
20,000 tons of the grain already assem-  
bled. The crop is abundant and will  
more than meet the needs of the army.

Lieut.-Col. J. W. B. has just returned  
from Rumania, says the food outlook  
has improved.

### TELL OF LONDON AIR RAID.

Germans Say Bombs Started Fires  
in Three Places.

BERLIN, (via London Nov. 3).—A spe-  
cial official statement on aerial opera-  
tions issued today reads:

On Wednesday night one of our bomb-  
ing squadrons heavily and effectively  
bombed military objects in the heart  
of London and in harbor localities at  
Gravesend, Chatham and Ramsgate.  
Fires of considerable magnitude broke  
out in London, Chatham and Ram-  
sgate.

Other bombing squadrons attacked  
the fortress and shipyards of  
Dunkirk and military objects behind  
the Flanders front, causing numerous  
explosions and fires. All our machines  
returned.

### U. S. CONVOY FIRED 50 SHOTS AT 3 U-BOATS

American Girl Describes  
Sinking of Foes After Battle.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 3.—An attack on a  
United States transport which carried  
a large body of Red Cross doctors and  
nurses to Europe last August, in which  
two and probably three German subma-  
rines were sunk and in which the Ameri-  
can convoy ships fired more than fifty  
shots, is described in a letter recently  
received from Miss Edna Earle Am-  
brose of Hyde, Baltimore county, by  
Miss Grierson of Huntington, Calvert  
county.

Miss Ambrose is a member of the  
New York Post Graduate Hospital Unit  
No. 8, now serving with the American  
army in France.  
"Our trip over was most exciting,"  
she says. "We had a wonderful sub-  
marine battle. Our convoy fired more  
than fifty shots. Our own transport,  
which was the prize they were after,  
fired twenty of the shots and sank two  
submarines on the port side and we  
think a third."

"Talk about horse racing being in-  
teresting; this beats anything I ever  
saw. I am delighted I had the ex-  
perience. I was so thrilled I could not  
even be frightened but I realize more  
and more what a narrow escape we had.  
There are many other interesting things  
I would like to tell about the trip, but  
they are forgotten."  
"Have you seen any of our little de-  
stroyers? They are marvellous, the way  
they dart around during a battle, and  
we should all have great respect for  
our gunners. They get very little recog-  
nition, but certainly saved all our lives."

On Tuesday, Nov. 6th (Election Day), the Store will be closed

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expenditure of nervous energy, let the Christmas shopping  
begin now.

Christmas gifts for American soldiers in France  
must, by order of the Government, be mailed  
not later than November 15th.

## The Fashionable Coatings

for the Winter Season of 1917-18  
are shown in a wonderfully at-  
tractive assortment which com-  
prises many beautiful fabrics.  
The fur cloths—marvels of the  
weaver's art—are especially  
noteworthy.

Among them are silk seal, beaver, mole,  
broadtail, chinchilla, leopard, fitch  
and wild cat, any of which may appropriately  
be used for making street or motor coats  
or motor robes.

There is also a large and comprehensive  
assortment of wool coatings, including  
plain and checked cashmere velours,  
crystal cloth and Scotch mixtures.

(Department on the First Floor)

## An Unusual Clearance Sale of Women's Boots

consisting of several hundred pairs in  
lace and button styles, will commence  
to-morrow (Monday).

An exceptional opportunity will be  
afforded to obtain boots of excellent  
qualities

at phenomenal price reductions

All sizes are included in this Sale, but  
not every size in every style.

(Women's Shoe Dep't., Second Floor)

## The Wool Dress Fabrics Dep't

Unusually attractive values are now  
being offered in

Several Thousand Yards of  
Broadcloths and Fine-twill Serges

including

54-inch Broadcloths, in superior quali-  
ties and the fashionable colors.  
per yard . . . \$2.50 & 3.25

47-inch Black Broadcloth, per yd. 1.95  
Fine-twill Navy Blue Serges, 48 to 54  
inches wide, in the desirable weights for  
suits and dresses,

per yard . . . \$1.65, 2.00 & 2.25

Food Economy is a Vital Necessity

## The Fur Department

has in stock an exceptionally  
beautiful collection of Choice  
Foxes, many of them exquisitely  
made up in the becoming acces-  
sories so much in demand for  
feminine adornment, but others  
still in pelt form

Following are some of the prices:  
Natural Silver Fox, \$325.00 to 1,200.00  
Natural Blue Fox, 110.00 to 325.00  
Natural Cross Fox, 85.00 to 250.00  
Natural Red Fox, 55.00 to 110.00  
Dyed Pointed Fox, 55.00 to 125.00  
Dyed Taupe Fox, 45.00 to 125.00  
(Third Floor, Madison Avenue section)

## Little Girls' Frocks OF CHECKED SILK GINGHAM

are a charming novelty now being dis-  
played on the Second Floor.

These dainty frocks are advance models  
and are designed for little maids under  
five years of age.

They are shown in a number of quaint  
and pretty styles, all adorned in some  
way with ornamental hand-stitchery,  
while some are finished with hand-  
embroidered lingerie collars. The prices  
are \$12.50, \$14.50 and \$16.50.

## A Specially-prepared Offering for to-morrow (Monday)

will afford a rare opportunity to obtain

AFTERNOON GOWNS

at the extraordinarily low price (con-  
sidering quality) of  
\$24.00

Women's Ready-to-wear Dresses Dep't  
(Third Floor)

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regular stock, of

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cans about to embark for war service  
in Europe, inasmuch as the "Gieve"  
Waistcoat is conceded to be the most  
practical and effective life-saving de-  
vice yet invented, and is in general  
use among the officers of the British  
Navy. Made on the same lines as  
an ordinary waistcoat, it is worn in  
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simple but ingenious—is readily  
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